



Padre Island National Seashore SandDollar



Tuesday, March 23, 2004



Indicates new information



Ann Tucker sends a BIG THANKS to all those who helped with the preparations and cooking of the Sauerkraut lunch last week. She said she couldn't have done without all your great help! Donations totaling \$200 were collected for the lunch and the money turned over to Chon. Thank you for your participation!



VIP Going-away Party! Everyone invited to the party for the Tamplin's, the Eggenbergers, and the Gibb's – Friday, March 26 at 6:30 pm at BENNIGAN'S, 5214 SPID. RSVP by March 25 to either Gary or Buzz.

Superintendent

Colin's schedule:

Tuesday, March 23	– In the Park; squad mtg @ 8:30 am
Wed., March 24	– In the Park; 1pm mtg w/Sierra Club
Thurs., March 25	– In the Park; Field trip to BIB
Friday, March 26	– In the Park

Safety Notes--

Your contributions are greatly appreciated for the SandDollar and the safety bulletin board. Please send safety contributions to Pat.

Let's continue to encourage each other to be safe.
Make it a safe day.

Administration

} The GS pay raises are expected to be processed with pay period 8.

} All employees with credit cards will be receiving information about new on-line credit card training. Once you receive this information, you will have 30 days to take the new training or your card will be deactivated.

} We have had over 330 people view the Superintendent's Secretary position on-line.

PAIS-E-3, Secretary, opens March 8, closes March 25, Open to federal employees with status. Announcement will be on the HQ bulletin board and on USAJOBS.

Job Opening: Park Ranger, Interpreter, GS-025/4 – This position will be filled using the Student Temporary Employment Program. If you know anyone interested in applying for this position, they must be currently enrolled as a half-time student. Detailed resume and copy of college transcript may be faxed or e-mailed to Buzz at the Visitor Center. Contact Buzz for additional information.

Ray Cortez's wife said his unit was sent out about 3 weeks ago. Ray did not go with them due to illness. He is still in El Paso. He is expected to return home in a couple of weeks. Once he is cleared from the VA and his local unit he will be able to return to work.

Chon will run out of leave/donated leave starting **March 29**. If anyone would like to donate leave, please submit the form to Jeanie. If you cannot locate a form, there will be some available in Jeanie's office.

TEL Courses

Description of courses can be found at www.telmps.net

Mar 24	Position descriptions - what every supervisor should know
Mar 24	Managing Performance
Mar 25	Managing worker's compensation (2 classes 8-11a.m. or 12-3)
Apr 1	Communication: The Key to Performance Management
Apr 1	From Hugger to Harasser: The True Story behind Sexual Harassment
Apr 19	Retirement Planning for New Employees
Apr 20	IDP Module 210 - Prepare and Present an effective conducted Activity
Apr 26	NPS Recreation & Preservation Programs

The trailer will be used for TEL training on Mar 24, Mar 25, and Apr 1.

Facility Management


Jim Kobus Update as of 3/17: Nothing unusual was found during Jim's exploratory surgery last Wednesday. He has been moved and is now in Room 356, Doctors' Regional Medical Center. Mary called and said Jim is doing well and looked good.

Interpretation

Protection

Resources Management

Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery

 We are thrilled to report that more volunteers are interested in helping with the sea turtle project this year than ever! So far this year

we have trained nearly 120 volunteers that will participate in our turtle patrols on North Padre. One more class will be held in April, for those that could not attend in March. We have filled all of the volunteer vacancies with the program. Those people that call and wish to participate are now being put on a "waiting list" in case vacancies develop during the year.

} Please welcome all of the staff that will be working with the Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery. Several staff members that will conduct patrols this year begin work on Monday March 22. Division staff members now include: Donna Shaver, Cynthia Rubio, Rachael Blair, Melanie Briggs, Craig Cowan, Luis Diaz, Jenniemae Febus, Shara Kilarski, Dale Kohlmetz, Hollis McKinney, Linda Morehead, Lisa Marie Presley, Leah Shafer, Jennifer Shelby, and Alyson Trotter. During the weeks of March 22 and March 29 the staff will participate in orientation and training, and will aid with preparations for the season.

} Repeated daily patrols by volunteers and staff, and the camping trips, will begin on Sunday April 4. As warm as the last few weeks have been, it is possible that the nesting season will begin early this year. The earliest that a Kemp's nest has been documented on the Texas coast was April 7-8.

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